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The methods and compositions of the disclosure provide for novel therapeutic compounds to treat obesity and aspects related thereto. Embodiments of the disclosure relate to oligonucleotide therapeutic (ONT) agents targeting miR-22 miRNA for the treatment of human obesity and related cardiometabolic disorders. Accordingly, aspects of the disclosure relate to modified nucleic acids, including locked nucleic acids, ethylene-bridged nucleotides, peptide nucleic acids, phosphorodiamidate morpholino oligonucleotides, and/or a 5'(E)-vinyl-phosphonate modification.

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